

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An image print system comprising:
a first processor for receiving original
image data representing an original image of an object
and generated by an image pickup device picking up the
5 original image, and for processing the original image
data;
- said first processor comprising a display
device for displaying an image based on the original
image data for confirmation of the image; and
- 10 a second processor connected with a printer
for receiving the original image data from said first
processor, performing a print processing on the
original image data, and supplying said printer with
image data obtained in the print processing;
- 15 said first processor comprising:
 a display processor for displaying a
reproduced image, which represents an image to be
printed, on said display device in accordance with the
original image data, and for displaying on said display
20 device a reference image for detection of a controlled
state of a screen of said display device; and
- a data transmitter for receiving, from said
image pickup device, reference image data generated
from said image pickup device capturing the reference
25 image displayed on said display device, and for
transmitting the reference image data together with the
original image data,
- said second processor restoring, using the
reference image data sent from said first processor, a
30 display state of the reproduced image displayed on
said display device, generating print image data

representing a print image from image data associated with the restored display state, and supplying / said printer with the print image data.

1 2. The image print system in accordance with
claim 1, further comprising a client-server system
interconnecting said first processor to said second
processor by a communication line.

1 3. The image print system in accordance with
claim 2, wherein said display processor displays on
said display device the reproduced image in a first
gradation matching to a second gradation of said
5 printer connected to said second processor.

1 4. The image print system in accordance with
claim 3, wherein said display processor receives
information representing the second gradation from
said second processor over said communication line, and
5 displays on said display device the reproduced image
in the first gradation provided by said information
received.

1 5. The image print system in accordance with
claim 3, wherein said display processor is provided
with information on the second gradation of said
printer through a storage medium, and displays on said
5 display device the reproduced image in the first
gradation obtained from the information provided
through the storage medium.

1 6. The image print system in accordance with
claim 1, wherein said data transmitter transmits to

5 said second processor information on device types of
said display device and said image pickup device,
besides the original image data and the reference image
data.

1 7. The image print system in accordance with
claim 6, wherein said second processor comprises:

5 a data transformer for executing a first
transformation of transforming the original image data
in accordance with characteristics associated with the
device type of said image pickup device;

10 a second transformer for transforming the data
transformed by said first transformer in accordance
with characteristics associated with the device type of
said display device;

a third transformer for transforming the data
transformed by said second transformer in accordance
with the display state provided by the reference image
data; and

15 a fourth transformer for transforming the data
transformed by said third transformer in
accordance with characteristics of said printer.

1 *sub A* 8. The image print system in accordance with
claim 1, wherein said first processor further comprises
an editor for editing the original image into a desired
image, said data transmitter transmitting information
5 generated by said editor to said second data processor
together with the original image data.

1 9. A method of printing an image, comprising
the steps of:

capturing an original image by an image

pickup device;

5 displaying the original image captured by the
image pickup device on a display device as a
reproduced image;

10 displaying on a screen of the display device
a reference image for detection of a controlled state
of the display device;

15 capturing the reference image displayed on
the screen by the image pickup device to produce
reference image data;

20 estimating a displayed state of the
reproduced image displayed on the display device from
the reference image data;

restoring print image data representing a
print image associated with the reproduced image on the
basis of the estimated, displayed state of the
reproduced image to be displayed on a server monitor;

25 performing a printing processing on the print
image data; and

printing an image represented by the print
image data performed with the printing processing.

1 10. The method in accordance with claim 9,
wherein the reference image comprises a picture pattern
representing gradation levels.

1 11. The method in accordance with claim 9,
further comprising the step of calculating a
reflectivity of the screen of the display device from
information on a device type of the image pickup
5 device and the reference image data.

1 12. The method in accordance with claim 11,

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further comprising the step of calculating, from information on a device type of the display device and the reflectivity, transformation coefficients for 5 modifying a gradation of the original image into a gradation of the display device.

1 13. The method in accordance with claim 12, further comprising a first transformation step of transforming, in accordance with the information on the device type of the image pickup device, the original 5 image data captured by the image pickup device into image data representing luminance values of pixels.

1 14. The method in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a second transformation step of transforming, in accordance with the information on the device type of the display device, image data 5 transformed in the first transformation step into the reproduced image to be displayed on the display device.

1 15. The method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a third transformation step of transforming, in accordance with gradation characteristics of the display device, image data 5 transformed in the second transformation step into the reproduced image to be displayed on the display device.

1 16. The method in accordance with claim 15, further comprising a fourth transformation step of transforming, in accordance with the information on the device type of the image pickup device, the image data 5 transformed in the third transformation step into image data representing luminance values of pixels.

1 17. The method in accordance with claim 16,
further comprising a fifth transformation step of
transforming image data that is transformed in said
fourth transformation step into image data that matches
5 reproduction gradation characteristics of the server
monitor.

1 18. The method in accordance with claim 17,
further comprising a sixth transformation step of
transforming image data that is transformed in said
fifth transformation step into image data with a
5 gradation matching a gradation of a printer.

1 19. The method in accordance with claim 9,
further comprising the step of editing the original
image captured by the image pickup device into a
desired image,
5 said step of performing the printing
processing comprising the step of using information
obtained during the step of editing to modify the print
image data.

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